PATENT

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APPLICANTS: T. LANZ/M. GRISWOLD ART UNIT: 2859

SERIAL NO.: 10/597,777 EXAMINER: D. VARGAS

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TITLE: COIL ARRAY FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING WITH

REDUCED COUPLING BETWEEN ADJACENT COILS

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until April 3, 2008, in which to file an *Amendment in Response to the First Office Action*, dated October 3, 2007, for the above-identified patent application. The

shortened statutory period for response expired on January 3, 2008. The requisite fee of \$525.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

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